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This Bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, shows the monthly factory production in Victoria of certain commodities. For the purpose of the accompanying statistics a "factory" is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more hands are employed or in which power other than hand is used. Monthly averages for the years 1938-39, 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52 and monthly production for February to April, 1952 and 1953 are shown.

Many of the items included here are shown in greater detail in other publications of the Bureau.

Figures of the production of each of the commodities listed are given up to the latest available month. Figures up to 1950-51 inclusive are taken from the Government Statist's annual factory returns wherever possible. It should be noted that in some cases annual returns are accepted from factories for periods other than those ending on June 30th, each year.

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Commonwealth Department of Commerce  
and Agriculture.

Black Coal

Joint Coal Board.

Gold

State Department of Mines.

Beer

Tobacco, Cigars &  
Cigarettes

Commonwealth Department of Trade  
and Customs.

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## VICTORIAN PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Commodity	Unit	Monthly Averages				Monthly Production					
		Year				1952			1953		
		1938-39	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	Feb.	March	April	Feb.	March	April
FUEL: Briquettes	ton	33,329	49,047	42,617	47,354	47,957	53,658	46,652	48,321	43,745	44,881
Black Coal	"	26,900	10,762	10,430	12,500	10,971	11,533	11,500	13,935	13,037	14,000
Brown Coal	"	303,624	636,410	608,347	674,995	659,692	735,739	645,501	645,755	675,850	679,750
HEAT, LIGHT & POWER:											
Gas made in Gasworks	mill.cub.ft.	* 594	896	954	1,035	912	979	989	873	998	1,030
Total Electricity Generated	mill. k.W.h.	102	226	240	244	233	245	227	239	267	263
BUILDING MATERIALS:											
Clay Bricks	'000	16,437	12,240	14,880	13,560	15,526	14,035	11,469	12,826	14,680	14,800
Fibrous Plaster Sheets (a)	'000 sq.yds.	273	504	551	545	567	562	* 511	506	516	482
Roofing Tiles - Cement	'000	252	1,595	1,894	1,941	2,033	1,953	1,775	1,295	1,401	1,351
Terra Cotta	"	1,145	1,023	1,025	1,039	1,155	1,038	1,017	1,236	1,222	1,252
SAWN NATIVE TIMBER:	'000 sup.feet	10,016	25,733	27,470	27,479	31,127	31,054	25,044	25,796	25,576	
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS:											
Paints - Ready Mixed Paint	gal.	15,415	100,095	*121,956	118,847	115,882	98,500	109,748	113,622	126,012	127,610
Lacquers (Nitro-Cell)	"	12,725	20,996	27,146	23,355	23,788	23,242	19,495	23,930	26,005	19,806
Thinners for Lacquers	"	16,553	30,603	* 37,738	39,395	49,678	46,719	40,317	47,491	40,258	43,307
Enamels (Nat. & Syn.)	"	5,251	42,821	39,130	48,837	40,705	51,459	*43,650	44,757	53,134	49,656
Water Paints	'000 lb.	55	117	118	153	143	206	117	519	426	584
Soap - Household	cwt.	16,024	16,745	* 18,589	19,193	19,560	19,547	*20,040	18,159	17,348	..
Toilet & Hand	"	1,489	3,798	4,650	4,480	5,516	5,263	* 5,019	4,602	2,392	2,648
Flakes & Chips	"	..	1,715	2,763	2,308	2,554	2,276	* 2,347	..	2,568	3,168
Industrial	"	..	2,523	* 5,268	3,132	3,588	2,430	* 2,439	3,221	3,337	3,954
Sand	"	3,156	750	* 1,120	983	* 1,179	1,154	844	268	* 466	750
Soft	"	445	522	650	612	612	548	* 543	392	736	552
Liquid	"	..	1,369	* 2,333	2,559	2,323	2,162	* 2,559	2,440	* 2,722	2,851
Extracts & Powders	"	10,277	22,265	25,782	32,451	35,473	33,003	31,256	34,240	36,541	34,988
Superphosphate	ton	39,854	52,069	51,257	52,752	46,662	54,881	62,105	39,983	55,124	58,108
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	"	16,543	19,836	20,165	20,480	17,214	23,134	23,369	16,957	21,964	20,775
METALS:- Gold (Mine Production)	fine oz.	12,373	5,532	5,809	5,302	5,491	6,331	4,966	6,169	6,761	6,412
PERAMBULATORS: (Inc. Pushers & Strollers)	number	1,757	4,051	* 4,577	3,296	3,354	3,184	2,713	3,966	4,610	4,108
MATTRESSES:											
Woven Wire, Link Mesh & Spring	"	..	7,531	7,520	7,794	8,651	8,563	7,070	9,310	10,428	9,080
Inner Spring	"	639	5,115	* 6,619	7,649	8,540	9,614	* 7,454	10,962	11,581	10,196
Soft Filled & Other	"	..	9,974	* 10,950	8,337	7,836	9,066	* 7,669	8,038	8,553	7,549

(a) Factory production only.

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ENGINES - Other than Marine - Petrol and Other Light Oils - 2 H.P. and under 6 H.P.	number	..	383	* 379	371	383	389	397	515	411	337
ELECTRIC MOTORS: (a)											
Under 1 H.P.	"	..	4,971	* 6,549	7,598	6,922	7,416	6,534	*7,784	7,945	10,080
1 H.P. and under 2½ H.P.	"	..	828	* 734	666	1,119	631	508	214	440	789
2½ " " " 5 H.P.	"	..	429	* 371	311	500	310	227	132	222	94
5 " " " 10 H.P.	"	..	122	* 178	171	95	230	249	121	214	31
10 " and over	"	..	43	42	* 52	* 68	* 23	77	47	43	34
ELECTRIC APPLIANCES:											
Electric Toasters (Domestic)	"	..	7,370	* 6,991	7,355	5,682	3,226	2,443	7,236	7,512	6,054
Electric Hot Water Jugs (Complete)	"	..	12,431	11,953	13,294	15,647	13,494	10,686	9,782	9,637	10,296
Radios (Portable, Mantel, Table, Console)	"	} 5,227	(6,890	* 9,401	4,501	4,076	2,583	..	3,815	5,969	4,032
Radiograms (all types)	"		(1,291	1,555	1,070	666	485	499	1,486	1,717	1,924
Domestic Clothes Washing Machines	"	..	..	364	577	* 506	* 433	610	745	914	755
BUILDING FITTINGS:											
Stoves - Solid Fuel (b)	"	1,439	1,115	* 1,360	1,401	1,634	1,535	1,298	1,040	1,061	1,091
Gas (b)	"	1,987	1,393	* 1,357	1,138	..	1,080	780	873	1,000	865
Coppers - Gas	"	..	810	836	579	576	633	430	628	688	542
Electric	"	..	365	* 840	460	214	246	224	192	368	241
Bath Heaters - Solid Fuel	"	..	798	* 794	* 734	* 732	* 793	* 794	465	619	594
Gas	"	..	706	* 717	554	472	606	590	613	537	618
Electric	"	..	124	* 370	238	210	167	147	216	261	229
Sink Heaters - Electric	"	..	467	* 750	461	332	372	173	207	278	283
Sinks, Stainless Steel	"	..	4,160	5,362	5,535	5,767	5,469	*5,239	5,577	6,193	6,143
PEDAL CYCLES: (made and/or assembled)	"	..	..	3,874	2,476	2,024	1,877	*1,606	2,419	2,442	2,151
FLOOR COVERINGS:											
Wool Felt & Carpets	'000 sq.yds.	..	132	137	108	91	82	74	161	147	146

(a) Figures include all motors made and incorporated in other products of the manufacturers.

(b) Household and commercial cooking stoves in 1938-39, thereafter household cooking stoves only.



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COTTON SEWING THREAD: (counts over 12)	lb.	..	45,695	64,461	67,531	59,349	63,150	61,423	55,974	60,180	62,520
COTTON TEXTILES: Cotton Tweeds	sq.yd.	154,435	80,017	*81,702	80,964	87,781	63,952	64,336	36,119	47,678	73,095
Drills, Jeans, etc.	"	..	244,296	220,175	*298,874	*331,900	*311,932	299,233	255,078	243,959	330,056
WOOL: Scoured and carbonised wool	'000 lb.	3,172	5,492	* 4,679	3,902	* 4,169	3,879	* 3,280	* 4,174	* 4,952	4,930
Wool Tops	"	936	1,132	1,100	839	717	541	410	931	1,053	1,107
Yarn - Worsted	"	612	1,055	* 990	823	685	611	* 541	941	* 1,009	1,116
Woollen	"	731	1,188	* 1,121	875	791	696	* 494	914	901	997
WOOL TEXTILES: Woven Cloth - Worsted	'000 sq.yds.	)	( * 663	* 671	* 562	513	465	427	515	541	528
Woollen	"	) 1,266	( * 826	* 702	* 558	662	548	359	737	731	820
Other (a)	"	)	( 186	* 234	* 118	88	74	64	189	229	231
Blankets	number	49,563	89,181	98,667	66,321	62,117	55,358	51,452	43,549	44,446	54,304
Rugs	"	6,459	5,857	5,536	3,442	1,867	1,512	3,350	2,361	3,686	4,389
HOSIERY: Women's, Maids' Girls'											
Fully Fashioned	doz.pr.	..	79,907	*84,462	91,421	92,304	86,942	*71,107	*105,046	125,864	108,280
Circular	"	..	7,173	7,041	6,458	5,263	4,580	4,598	10,923	12,263	12,826
Anklets	"	..	23,321	24,391	18,656	14,932	12,685	10,827	29,976	34,363	41,487
Men's & Boys'	"	..	80,459	*103,649	* 95,398	87,523	77,951	64,322	110,108	114,547	113,888
Children's	"	..	39,233	* 34,034	32,216	26,658	28,454	23,200	30,954	33,760	26,962
KNITTED UNDERWEAR: (b) Men's	doz.	)	(39,371	36,324	39,916	34,874	35,801	33,326	25,941	*28,923	32,597
Women's	"	)91,941	(57,581	74,732	68,436	72,281	66,659	*57,361	57,952	61,519	57,924
Children's	"	)	(24,534	25,618	25,029	27,512	22,415	*17,481	20,883	26,610	28,277
FOUNDATION GARMENTS: Corsets	"	9,045	3,581	4,686	5,713	5,370	4,252	3,166	5,256	5,720	5,658
Corselets	"	1,151	627	440	445	459	428	281	366	243	302
Brassieres	"	15,473	13,525	15,887	15,648	15,569	15,062	10,870	14,232	17,978	16,522
CLOTHING (except knitted):											
Shirts - Men's and Boys'	"	22,581	*25,888	* 26,585	29,110	29,517	20,622	*23,406	20,509	24,607	23,468
Pyjama Suits - Men's and Boys'	"	6,097	6,496	* 5,471	6,454	7,416	7,736	* 6,512	6,564	* 6,757	8,688
GLOVES (not rubber): Dress - Leather	doz.pr.	77	2,268	1,792	1,099	734	1,061	* 1,178	1,836	2,096	1,917
Other	"	..	2,154	2,889	3,021	2,441	3,269	* 2,845	3,923	4,979	4,585
Work	"	1,187	1,204	1,209	1,565	1,742	2,048	1,621	1,290	1,264	1,368
FOOTWEAR (Not rubber): Boots & Shoes	'000 pr.	622	604	* 678	659	641	649	* 569	* 617	661	672
Sandals	"	..	64	* 80	62	29	20	* 17	* 23	11	14
Slippers	"	352	373	* 355	308	264	295	* 256	291	302	345
FUR FELT HATS (Complete): Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,190	3,613	* 3,420	2,955	2,429	2,606	1,673	2,018	2,751	2,299

(a) Includes Worsted and Woollen Mixtures and other mixtures predominantly of Wool.

(b) Made in knitting mills until June 1952. Thereafter includes underwear made from knitted piece goods.



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FOOD, DRINK & TOBACCO:											
Flour (from Wheat)	short ton	36,402	37,315	* 37,407	45,471	45,267	47,362	41,484	45,622	42,791	44,929
Bran (from Wheat)	"	7,937	7,466	* 7,259	9,009	8,994	9,195	7,931	8,779	8,012	8,518
Pollard (from Wheat)	"	7,515	7,658	7,424	9,259	8,927	9,565	8,408	9,630	9,151	9,857
Biscuits	'000 lb.	1,697	2,786	* 2,818	3,383	3,604	3,490	3,331	3,430	3,230	3,254
Confectionery - Chocolate Basis	"	1,121	2,666	* 2,221	1,898	1,629	1,815	1,583	1,437	1,754	2,128
Other	"	1,589	2,128	* 2,100	2,313	2,322	2,127	2,114	2,054	2,247	2,321
Beef and Veal	ton	9,499	10,384	11,384	11,392	12,308	13,157	10,799	10,248	11,382	10,543
Lamb	"	4,890	5,582	3,917	3,669	2,798	2,983	2,640	2,913	3,278	3,014
Mutton	"	6,454	6,773	4,670	5,259	7,431	6,376	4,543	11,152	9,529	6,223
Pork	"	897	554	633	* 717	724	798	735	* 531	* 715	578
Bacon & Ham (Cured Weight) (a)	"	614	661	659	632	587	677	643	* 584	* 631	477
Total Meat (in terms of fresh) (a)	"	23,688	24,401	21,500	21,895	24,059	24,235	19,499	*25,638	*25,762	21,007
Butter (factory only)	"	4,718	* 5,249	4,832	4,980	4,452	3,377	2,419	4,808	3,624	2,260
Cheese (factory only)	"	720	* 1,766	1,881	1,840	1,567	1,193	775	1,804	1,234	656
Processed Milk Products -											
Condensed Full-Cream Milk - Sweetened	'000 lb.	) 2,005	7,076	6,796	7,340	5,050	5,561	4,554	(* 5,488	* 4,810	3,467
Unsweetered	"								(* 1,463	* 1,751	..
Powdered Full-Cream Milk	"	..	2,803	2,165	2,524	2,309	1,389	1,005	1,751	1,223	923
Other Processed Wholemilk Products (b)	"	..	1,289	1,799	1,495	2,205	1,386	1,159	1,852	1,788	949
Ice Cream	'000 gals.	89	328	429	397	638	365	291	517	478	256
Beer (including Waste Beer)	"	2,621	4,143	4,434	4,728	5,210	5,103	5,003	5,462	5,584	5,034
Oatmeal & Rolled or Crushed Oats	cwt.	11,786	15,128	* 13,478	10,387	6,322	16,283	18,327	21,253	27,778	27,517
Prepared Breakfast Foods (wheat)	"	4,053	12,222	* 11,018	10,318	12,098	11,169	9,432	12,646	11,367	11,301
Edible Starch (Maize and Wheat)	"	..	7,997	* 7,799	7,686	8,735	9,809	8,127	7,839	8,264	6,565
Margarine - Table	"	1,871	1,569	886	1,222	1,093	1,321	1,245	601	817	952
Other	"	5,403	6,926	5,507	6,403	5,239	5,726	* 5,475	4,105	5,206	5,109
Malt - Barley & Wheaten	'000 (c)	202	307	309	323	280	315	330	291	345	372
Jams, Conserves & Jellies (d)	'000 lb.	4,131	5,917	5,848	4,940	8,622	4,578	3,183	7,018	3,522	2,156
Canned Apricots, Peaches, Pears (d)	"	7,901	* 7,954	* 8,511	9,894	26,115	51,824	24,316	22,087	55,692	19,634
Green Peas	"	80	225	* 282	487	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tomatoes	"	99	377	* 237	389	1,613	2,006	963	750	1,179	328
Other Vegetables	"	333	1,572	* 2,355	* 2,445	* 1,831	1,520	* 1,871	482	783	834
Tomato Juice	'000 gals.	..	34	* 13	88	128	234	675	398	383	117
Sauce	"	88	136	130	129	201	242	156	224	262	244
Soup	"	47	176	* 206	265	782	875	560	402	560	223
Tobacco, Cigars & Cigarettes (e)	'000 lb.	634	869	* 914	838	870	872	832	1,051	1,093	970

(a) From February, 1953 onwards, pressed and canned bacon and ham have been converted to bone-in weight.

(b) Includes Infants' and Invalids' Food. (c) Bushels of 40 lb. (d) Includes Tasmanian Production.

(e) Victorian factory production in 1938-39, thereafter quantities on which excise duty is paid.